

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 11-12, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

THANK YOU! To those of you that made your commitment, thank you for your generosity and dedication to St Patrick!!! If you have not yet responded to the request from Father Rossi, you will find in church a Commitment Card and a confidential remittance envelope for your use. Simply indicate your intended increase and include your new, increased offertory in the basket today. Our parish has responded with great generosity and enthusiasm!!! We hope to have all parishioners involved by the end of this weekend!

"Honor the Lord with your wealth." Proverbs 3:9

Message from our Pastor:

Good day to you all!!!

I hope everyone had a great week. What a game last Sunday, huh?!?!?!?

*I wanted to first give a **BIG PUSH FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE IRISH FESTIVAL!!!***

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP US WITH THE IRISH FESTIVAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MARCH 25/26. IT'S A BIG SUPPORT TO ALL THREE OF OUR PARISHES AND WE NEED MANY HELPERS. IT'S TONS OF FUN, YOU'LL GET A GREAT MEAL FOR HELPING AND YOU WILL BE A GREAT BLESSING TO THE EVENT. PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!!!

There are many ways you can help, working a gate, serving food, working the drink trucks, etc, etc...we will find something and it really is a great time. To volunteer please email Stokes McCune at stokesmccune@aol.com

Thank you!!!

Now, switching gears to the Word of God - at daily Mass, the readings have been going through the creation story from Genesis and I was struck by this line:

"Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

Do you know who said that?

You probably guessed it...it was that stinking sneak serpent. That short phrase ruined what would have otherwise been a pretty nice and easy life for us all. Stinking snake!

What I am struck by is how much the way things turned out after this statement was introduced is EXACTLY the same as what happens to us today when we do something stupid, when we sin.

Every time we do something stupid, every time we sin, it always begins with a little tiny thought of doubting whether God is really concerned about it.

'Did God really tell you not to use foul language?'

'Did God really tell you not to drink too much?'

'Did God really tell you not to look at bad stuff on the internet?'

'Did God really tell you it's important to give him back a portion of your earnings?'

'Did God really tell you don't hide things from your spouse?'

'Did God really tell you to wait till marriage?'

'Did God really tell you to pray every day?'

Did God really tell you to confess your sins?'

Whatever it is, it always begins the same way, with us thinking something is not that big of a deal to God, with us thinking God really doesn't even care about it. WRONG!

It is not easy. We are not up against an adversary who is blatant. He is a sneaky stinky snake.

I have found that the way to be careful not to fall into these slippery slopes, is not so much to focus on or always worry about whether or not we are committing sin, but rather to focus and work in any given day on God and His will. Don't stare at the darkness too long, rather focus on the will and face of God, especially by praying, which is the way we seek His will. That said, we also have to call ourselves out if we have been tricked...that is why we examine our conscience in the light of the teachings of the faith.

At the end of the day, most importantly we thank God, we have a Savior who frees us and forgives us from our sins. God took pity on us as He saw we had no chance of defeating this sneaky adversary. What Christ did on the Cross is able to wash these things away for anyone who turns to Him. He is the opposite our adversary, He is trustworthy.

Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Irish Festival: Please join us after 10:45 mass in the basement for Irish Festival meeting! The festival will be celebrated March 25 & 26th. We need volunteers to help us throw the oldest street festival in the City. For more information, you can contact Stokes McCune at stokesmccune@aol.com.

How to sign up to Volunteer for the festival: Signup sheets for volunteering are downstairs after mass, you can also use the link <https://goo.gl/forms/k2NJZt8nmQjDO3Jw2> to sign up! Thank you!

Saint Francis Home: It has come to our parish's attention that there is a need at the St. Francis home for food. That is that they are in need of proteins. Please for the next two Sundays (2/18 & 2/25) bring a donation. (Protein's can include – ground beef, turkeys, ham, canned tuna, etc.) Please clearly mark your donation with a tag for St. Francis home and bring to the kitchen to be put in the freezer. Ask John Glynn if you have any questions john@leadminepond.com. Thank you

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus is hosting a pancake breakfast after Sunday mass 2/12 to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Lighthouse CDs and Booklets: Please take the time to check out the CDs and Booklets available in the entrance. These are a wonderful resource for enhancing your knowledge of many topics relative to our Catholic faith and beliefs. We now have available a Prayer Book for Spouses. This is a great book for married couples and as well as for those who are engaged. The requested donation for these items to cover our cost is \$4 per CD and \$3 for booklets. If you have suggestions for additional topics, please contact Kathy Buttner.

Irish Festival Baked Goods: Baked goods are needed for sale at the Festival. Popular items are: Cupcakes, cookies, bars, Irish Soda Bread, pie slices, and cake. There is no sign up for bake sale donations but if you have questions, please attend the Irish Festival Meetings after the 10:45 Mass or contact Kathy Buttner.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: St John's Catholic Church (Council of Women) is having a pancake supper on 2/28/17- Fat Tuesday from 5 -7pm. Pancakes, sausage or bacon, baked apples, juice, coffee, & hot chocolate. Prices adults \$6, children 2 to 10 \$4 & under 2 free. Held at St Johns Catholic Church 813 Nine Mile Rd. Highland Springs VA 23075

Sharing Sunday: We will be starting something new at St. Pat's the **first Sunday of each month** we are asking parishioners bring in a donation of non-perishable food to be donated to a local food bank in our community. Suggested items – canned goods, cereal, tuna, peanut butter, etc. We will be starting this on Sunday March 4th there will be a marked table in the basement to leave these donations.

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal: "Building Our Family of Faith" - Welcome to the 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Building Our Family of Faith*. As you may have heard, the Appeal has changed timing from the fall to the spring and all 145 parishes are once again conducting it at the same time.

This year's theme is inspired by two sources. The first source is Galatians 6:10: "So, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith." The second source is from Pope Pius XII. In his Encyclical *Mystici Corporis* he says that there can be no discontinuity between the inward and outward graces of the Church in all its members (Cf. DS 3808 ff.), indicating that the gifts to the Church are to radiate outward, a theme repeated in *Gaudium et Spes* regarding the wider creation. With an overall goal of nearly **\$2.7 million**, the 2017 Appeal will provide critical funding to nineteen diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese. We look forward to sharing with you more about the Appeal and its impact in the very near future.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on 3/5/17. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact the SPC office or email Fred Powell: fmpjr2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@marybaldwin.edu.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

Church Support as of 2/5/17

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$4,490.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	\$383.00

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$126,277.31
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$131,487.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$5,209.69)

Attendance for 2/4 & 5/2017: 35/204

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BULLETIN: All bulletin submissions must be in to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday at noon before the bulletin goes out.

SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died and you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.
